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BACKGROUND/SOURCE:

- 2 I am a Detective with the Riverside Police Department assigned to the Centralized Investigations
- 3 Bureau Persons Unit. I responded to 5200 Arlington Avenue to assist with the investigation of an
- 4 Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) that occurred on Arlington Avenue west of Streeter Avenue, in the
- 5 City and County of Riverside. I arrived at the command post at 2150 hours. I was assigned as the
- 6 case agent and Detective Tillett was assigned as the co-case agent

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- 9 Interview of Riverside Police Department Sergeant Pete Elliott (ID# 478)
- On 07-24-18 at 1347 hours, partner Detective Tillett and I interviewed Sergeant Elliott in the
- conference room at Magnolia Police Station. The interview was audio recorded on my department
- issued digital recorder and downloaded into records. Detective Tillett also recorded the interview.
- 13 The following is a summary of the interview:
- 15 Sergeant Elliott told us his current assignment is a Watch C Patrol Supervisor. His identification
- number is #478 and his radio designator is S71. He said he was working on 7/20/18 as a Patrol
- 17 Sergeant on Watch C from the Lincoln Police Station. He wore a dark blue uniform with a police
- badge and gun belt. He drove a marked black and white police unit (#3823, Ford Taurus)
- 19 equipped with a light bar.
- 21 He heard RPD Dispatch say Riverside Sheriff's Office was in pursuit of a 246 PC suspect on the
- northbound 215 freeway. He keyed in on the information broadcast; the suspect fired shots at
- pursuing officers (possibly Hemet Police Department). He told Riverside Police Department's
- Dispatch to keep him advised if the pursuit was coming into Riverside. He heard RPD units tell
- 25 RPD Dispatch they were moving toward the 215 freeway/Alessandro.
- 27 The suspect vehicle was described as a white Sebring convertible but there was no suspect
- description broadcasted. Sergeant Elliott keyed in on the information about shots being fired at
- pursuing officers. There was a request made for Air 1 and he was told Air 1 was on the way to
- monitor the pursuit. He heard the pursuit was westbound on Van Buren and coming into the city of

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Riverside. He headed to the area of Washington/Van Buren to intercept the pursuit. He knew other agencies might have communication problems in Riverside. His goal was to intercept the pursuit and possibly take it over because it was in Riverside's jurisdiction. It was safer for allied agencies and for the public for Riverside Police Department to use marked vehicles and maintain good communication to ensure the pursuit was handled safely.

The information broadcasted was the suspect was driving recklessly, driving on the wrong side of the road and driving at high rates of speed. The suspect had no regard for the public or anyone's safety. Sergeant Elliott said it was a great concern to him because the suspect was driving a 4500-5000 pound weapon. It was 7:30-8:00 in the evening, but people were on the road and it was bad because the suspect was traveling at such a high rate of speed. The suspect was also shooting at officers and had no regard for them or civilians.

Another concern was if the suspect crashed his vehicle or "blew the car out" and tried to commandeer another car. The suspect might "car-jack" someone or might shoot someone and pull them out of their car. The suspect could just take their car and kill them. Along with concern for officers and their safety, this was a primary concern.

He located the pursuit on Washington Van Buren and followed in the back of the allied agencies. He advised Dispatch he was with the pursuit. The pursuit was traveling over 100 mph. It took him a minute to catch up to it and he noticed at one point he was driving 109 mph and just keeping pace with the suspect. He could see the suspect vehicle ahead as the suspect's vehicle rolled through an intersection at Van Buren travelling extremely fast.

Air 1 was calling out the pursuit. It was beneficial because officers were traveling at high rates of speed and communicating locations was very difficult to do safely. Sergeant Elliott thought the suspect might crash on Dufferin as he made his way through the arroyos in the area. Sergeant Elliott heard Air 1 say the suspect almost crashed. He followed the suspect through the arroyos and saw the suspect blow through stop signs along the way. (Sergeant Elliott asked me if I wanted him to try to go through the pursuit street by street. I told him the path of the pursuit was

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documented based on Air 1's observations and to continue telling us about the time closer to the termination point of the pursuit.)

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start ramming cars.

He said the suspect travelled north on Adams to California. The suspect was on the wrong side of the road and travelling at a high speed. The suspect went eastbound on Arlington and drove around the neighborhood north of Arlington. The suspect ended up on Arlington and there was a lot of traffic. The suspect "jumped" into oncoming traffic and was traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes. Sergeant Elliott saw the suspect approaching Streeter and saw a wall of cars stopped at the light. The cars started moving forward which boxed in the suspect. The suspect slowed his speed because he could not get by the cars. He heard A1 say the suspect was going to

Sergeant Elliott drove eastbound on westbound Arlington. He knew the suspect was stuck and would possibly jump out of the car. Air 1 said the suspect's door was open. Based on his training and experience, Sergeant Elliot thought the suspect was coming out of the car to fight, run or do something to someone. Considering all of the cars in the area, car-jacking or a hostage situation was probable. Sergeant Elliott thought the suspect was going to do something desperate because his car was stopped.

Sergeant Elliott slammed on his brakes as he approached the back of the suspect's vehicle. He stopped about twenty feet behind it. He initially thought he would hit the suspect's car and pin the suspect inside, but he saw people were still in the Mitsubishi Montero next to the suspect. Sergeant Elliott exited his car and was processing what to do with the suspect when he heard a gunshot. He knew it didn't come from the suspect's car. It came from his left. He could see three people to his left (Officer O'Farrell, Officer Hernandez and Officer Reimer). He knew one of the three officers shot and he knew it was a .223 round from the sound of it. He knew it was not a shot from a handgun. He saw two people (Officer O'Farrell and Officer Reimer) had rifles. He heard one shot and saw no movement in the suspect vehicle afterward.

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- Sergeant Elliott thought to slow everything down and he could see police everywhere rushing toward the scene. He told them to stay back. He said they then had time and he wanted to determine what type of situation they had before officers swarmed the scene. He pulled the three
- 4 officers back and put replacement officers in their positions.
- 6 He asked Officer O'Farrell if he shot and Officer O'Farrell answered he had shot. Sergeant Elliot
- 7 said he knew Officer O'Farrell shot because Officer Reimer was too small to shoot over the car.
- 8 He pulled Officer O'Farrell off the line and told him to keep his gun, to put it on safe and to turn off
- his body worn camera. Lieutenant Warren stood with Officer O'Farrell until he assigned another
- 10 officer to do it.

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- 12 Sergeant Elliott said he summoned medical aid for the suspect. Dispatch had also requested it. 15-
- 20 seconds after the shot was fired, Sergeant Elliott broadcast on the radio one shot was fired.
- The Metro Team arrived. He requested medical aid about one minute after the shot was fired.
- 16 He said civilians were everywhere. He did not have a good look at the people in the car the three
- officers were set-up over. There was a reflection on the windshield and he thought they had bailed
- out of the car. Officers at the car evacuated the people out of it and everyone was moved back.
- 19 He said the civilians were scared and terrified.
- He said in his 22 years of experience he has never seen anything like it. People were grabbing
 their kids and running for their lives. He said law enforcement dealt with similar things, but not
 usually when civilians were right in the mix.
- He said as he exited his vehicle, he did see the suspect moving but he could not see what he was doing. Sergeant Elliott was near the driver's side headlight of the Camry and trying to look around to see the suspect but there was too much of an angle for him to see clearly. Officers behind the Camry had a better angle to see the suspect. He heard officers giving commands for the suspect to show them his hands. He heard "Show me your hands" and "Show me your f-ing hands." After the shot, he heard Officer O'Farrell tell him that the suspect was down.

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Sergeant Elliott told us he errored on the side of caution and considered the possibility the suspect 2 was "playing opossum." The suspect could be wounded and desperate to "go out with a bang." He 3 considered the suspect may be trying to bait the officers in. He did not want to give the suspect 4 the opportunity to shoot at them or anyone again. (See Metro Team officers' responses for 5 additional information.)

Sergeant Elliott did ask Officer O'Farrell for a public safety statement and asked how many rounds 8 he shot. Officer O'Farrell initially told him 2-3 shots. Sergeant Elliott did not realize immediately 9 Officer O'Farrell shot through the windshield of his unit. Officer O'Farrell then told him he shot one 10 round through the windshield and two rounds on the move for a total of three rounds. He also told 11 Sergeant Elliott the direction the rounds were shot. 12

Sergeant Elliott told us his weapon was charted after the incident and stated he did not shoot his weapon.

He said in his 22 years of law enforcement experience, this pursuit tied for the scariest pursuits. He told us it was bad and the video did not do it justice. It was high speed and the suspect was desperate. The suspect was not trying to get away but wanted to go out with a bang. Sergeant Elliott said he felt stuck because he could not "Code 22" (terminate) the pursuit because the suspect posed too much of a threat to the public. He also considered the danger if the pursuit continued. He remembered asking if anyone could get far enough ahead of the pursuit to place spike strips. He did not want the officers to stand there and be harmed, but the suspect was traveling so fast and he feared the suspect would slam into a civilian.

The interview was concluded.

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